Accordingly, the present invention provides a method for making (or generating) a presentation on a plurality of computers or computer stations utilizing a software control program. The method may comprise one or more steps such as, for instance, providing that the software control program is written in a platform independent computer programming language, installing at least one instance of the software control computer program on each of the plurality of computers, running the software control program simultaneously on the plurality of programs, and automatically starting unlike or different sequences of displays for each of the plurality of computers utilizing the simultaneously running software control programs. Other steps may include providing that the sequence of displays differs between the plurality of computers and/or installing a respective set of files to be played by each of the plurality of computers for the presentation including an initial file to be played and an ending file to be played and/or timing playing of each the files of the respective set of files for each of the plurality of computers such that a beginning time and play duration time is effectively associated with each file.

The step of automatically starting may further comprise providing an initial file start time for each instance of the software control program on each of the plurality of computers.

Thus, a method for making a presentation comprising steps such as, for instance, installing for single execution of the software computer control program on a one of a plurality of computers, or alternatively for simultaneous and independent ("in parallel") execution of the software program on a one of a plurality of computers, installing a respective set of files to be played by each of the plurality of computers for the presentation including an initial file to be played and an ending file to be played, associating timing for playing of each the files of the respective set of files for each of the plurality of computers whereby an effective beginning time and play duration time is associated with each file, providing a start time for an initial file to be played on each of the plurality of computers, providing that each computer is synchronized to a common time, providing that each instance of execution of the control program on each of the plurality of computers displays the initial file at the respective start time, and sequentially playing each file in each respective set of files for each of the plurality of computers.

The respective set of files for each of the plurality of computers may include graphic files and/or audio files to be played. The method may comprise instances of simultaneous and independent executions of the software control program on a

computer associated with a plurality of monitors where each instance of execution of the software control program independently coordinates a presentation display sequence for a respective one of the plurality of monitors operated by the computer. The effective beginning time and play duration time may be determined from an absolute beginning time and an absolute ending time or the effective beginning time and play duration time may be determined based on a collective time of previous image files and a given play duration time.

Thus, the invention provides a software control program is operable for running simultaneously on a plurality of computers and may include software elements such, for instance, a read scenario command to read the scenario file which lists the files to be played and associated timing thereof, at least one get image command to retrieve each image file listed in the scenario file, and a software timing control operable for coordinating timing of display of each image file for each of the plurality of computers to provide a coordinated presentation utilizing the plurality of computers. The software control program may be written in a platform independent computer programming language so as to be operable on computers which may have dissimilar or different operating systems. The invention may further comprise a display command to designate a particular display for a